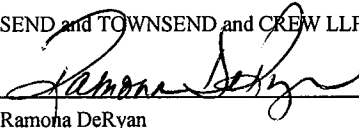


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Sir:

This is in reply to the Office Action mailed August 8, 2007, which set November 8, 2007 as the initial deadline for response. A petition to extend the time for response for three months, from November 8, 2007, until February 8, 2008, accompanies this response.

Reconsideration in light of the following amendments and remarks is respectfully requested:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.